



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

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Subject: Programs Of Behavior Management

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Approved by:

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- I. APPLICATION: All of Youth Development Center employees.
- II. POLICY: Programs of behavior management that require a youth to address his/her delinquent behavior and all other target behaviors will be developed by Department of Children's Services facility programs.
- III. PROCEDURES:
 - A. Youth Service Managers of Treatment shall have the responsibility for the formulation and implementation of individualized behavior management programs. Youth goals and objectives should be targeted and the most appropriate treatment option chosen. The Individual Program Plan (IPP) will identify the specific program of behavior management for each youth. Examples of other behavior management programs which would compliment the IPP are as follows:
 - 1. Behavioral contracts;
 - 2. Point system;
 - 3. Behavioral consequences;
 - 4. Incentive programs;
 - 5. Level systems, positive behavior reports.
 - B. Programs of behavior management will be uniform across developmental areas and will primarily use rewards for acceptable behavior and only clearly justified sanctions for unacceptable behavior.

- C. If the youth is mentally retarded, the behavior management program will be supervised and reviewed by a licensed psychologist.
- D. Under no circumstances will stimulants, tranquilizers, or psychotropic drugs be administered to youths for the purpose of behavior management, control, or for the purpose of experimentation and research.
- E. Behavior management programs shall be reviewed by the superintendent and revised as the needs of the youths change.

IV. FORMS: None

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